

## RICHMOND IS READY FOR CIRCUS DAY WEDNESDAY

Barnum and Bailey Will End Season  
With Evening Performance  
This Week.

### GREAT EXPENSE OF CANVAS

Tent Used Said to Be Largest Ever  
Erected—Six Hundred Women to  
Take Prominent Part in Program.  
Many Novelties.

Under the largest expanse of canvas ever erected, it is claimed, the Barnum & Bailey circus will exhibit in Richmond on Wednesday. The evening performance will be the last made this season, the show ending its tour here. All of the performers will go to their homes from Richmond, and the animals and equipment will be sent directly to Bridgeport, Conn., to be placed in winter quarters.

The management announces novelty and innovation as the keynote of this year's ultimate idea in circus possibilities. Yet, certain elements of the old-time circus are deathless.

**ELECTRIC LIGHTS IN PLACE OF DIPS AND OIL.**  
There will be, for instance, athletic contests, with games followed by antiquity—many generations old in the land of "swarthy and swarthy." But they will work with the inspiration afforded by the modern equipment of a brilliantly illuminated tent where the fathers who taught them their art worked by the light of tallow dips or kerosene torches.

And thus, with the bareback riders, the tumblers, the clowns, there will be dozens, sometimes scores, of them now where once there were one or two. But each of these dozens or scores has felt the individual fall to out-do his revered predecessor by just the degree in which the odds of difficulty have been diminished and the call of grace, or splendor, or humor increased.

Within and beneath the "big top" the circus folk promise a program for the largest part of the season. More than two score countries are represented on the long bill. Switzerland sends Madam Branda, a beautiful horsewoman, who presents a trained animal number including trained ponies and does. Spain's representative is Lupita Fern, who will thrill by her exploits high in the air, beneath the dome of the "big top" upon the flying trapeze. China sends three "trapeze" artists, several Chinese acrobats, the Hunan-Ford Family, of English equestrians, are making their first American appearances. Pallenberg's bears and Marcella's trained ravens, parrots and macaws are now featured. The former ride bicycles and skate upon roller skates, and the latter do unheard-of things, for birds are exceptionally hard to train.

### TANGOS WITH AMUSEMENT

Adult and juvenile tangle-headed limbs furnish a thrilling spectacle in a steel arena. This fearless Frenchwoman tangoes with one of the largest of the lot while the others stand and look on. Signor Bonaguidi, Italy's comic master, will offer a laughable number, and Thimble's rosters and monkeys will ride thoroughbred ponies, and do many of the tricks performed by the human members of the circus. One of the most effective items upon the program the circus folk elect to call "The Act of the Elephant," seven revolving platforms placed the entire length of the arena, and by the horses, dogs and ponies, who pose in this number. All are white in color, and some really beautiful effects are obtained. Women more than ever dominate the circus program, even the elephants, now being put through their paces by women trainers. One of the few American girls with the circus is Bird Williams, the "Queen of the High Wire," who will perform a feat upon a slender strand of wire high in the air. The Tessa Sisters, four Christian girls, are a new feature in a novel gymnastic performance, and the Tessa Sisters, four Christian girls, are a new feature in a novel gymnastic performance, and the Tessa Sisters, four Christian girls, are a new feature in a novel gymnastic performance.

### NAPOLEONIC DOCUMENT HAS COME TO LIGHT

LONDON, October 30.—A Napoleonic document, in the form of a diary kept on St. Helena by one Andrew Darline, a carpenter, has just been brought to light here, which gives new information on doubtful points regarding Napoleon's death. The diary was kept during May, 1821. A description of the dead emperor's body, under the date of May 5, is of special interest, as Darline had acted as undertaker, but the coffin and ground up some plaster of Paris to make the plaster for the death mask. He wrote:

"About 3 I went with General Montholon to the room where he was and saw him, and was much astonished to see him so much wasted in the body, but at the same time look so well, so contented, and with such a pleasing countenance. The size of the coffin I made was as follows: length, 5 feet 11 inches; depth, 18 inches; width at the head, 18 inches; shoulders, 21 inches; feet, 18 inches. At that time I understood that he was to be in state and to be opened about 2 o'clock, but was not aware that he was to be put into the coffin with his hat on."

On the 7th there is an entry: "I believe that his heart was taken home with the body, but not permitted, therefore, I was obliged to preserve it, which was wished to be done in the following manner:

"His heart and stomach, as I have already mentioned, was in a silver vase or tureen, having been put in this plate with a cover to it, on which was his coat of arms with an eagle on the top, which was covered with a nut. This having been worked on for a day and then the heart having been put into the tureen by Dr. Montholon, etc., the top having been soldered on and a hole having been made in the bottom of the vessel, the spirits were then poured in by Dr. Montholon and an old sitting room, having been used for the construction of the vessel, it was past 8 o'clock before the two men finished."

### CENSOR SEEMS ABLE TO PLEASE NOBODY

LONDON, October 30.—The House of Commons and the press are both in a state of confusion over the subject of the censor. The censor, Mr. Frederick Milner, in a letter to the Times, writes: "I have always supposed that the business of the censor was to prevent the circulation of any libel likely to be of service to the enemy. It appears, however, that he also seems to have the duty to shield officials at home who do not strictly carry out their duties."

"Last week I wrote a letter, which was to have appeared in the principal London papers, pointing out some

## To Open School for Orphans in Serbia



On the right is Miss Dora Gruich, the Serbian girl who sailed aboard the Greek S. S. Kaustantinos, accompanied by her secretary, Miss Elva Reed, of Oregon, to found the Frothingham Home for Serbian Children orphaned by the war. The institute is the gift of John W. Frothingham, of New York, and his sister, Elizabeth W. Frothingham, of Tarrytown, N. Y., and five Serbian friends, who do not wish their names mentioned. Both Miss Gruich and Miss Reed are seen in the khaki uniform they will wear in Serbia. The institution will be truly American in character, and the children will be taught good English as well as good Serbian.

crimes of justice to soldiers, incapacitated and discharged, giving the actual facts.

"Unfortunately, as I wished the letter to be widely circulated in the local press, I sent a copy of the letter to the press association. The manager deemed it his duty to submit the letter to the censor, and at the same time informed him that the letter would appear in Monday's issue of the London papers."

"A hurried message was issued to these papers forbidding them to publish the letter, or any letter dealing with the legitimate grievances of our wounded heroes. I contend, and everybody I have spoken to agrees, that this is a monstrous abuse of the powers of the censor."

"Fortunately, I was able to defeat him to a certain extent, as I got the letter published in a leading Scots town newspaper, and also in a leading paper in the north of England, so that the facts will be well known in the north."

"If I have to get this abuse of the censor's powers taken up in Parliament in any case, I can assure him that though he may succeed in muzzling the press he won't succeed in muzzling me, and so long as this rank injustice continues so long will I go on exposing it, and I am convinced I shall have the whole British public at my back."

**MORE HARD WORDS FOR FRENCH CENSOR**  
PARIS, October 30.—The censor, after coming in for so much criticism from Clemenceau, of the Homme Enchaîné, and other discontented editors, has just been attacked before the court-martial of Paris by M. Jacques Bonzon, who was defending before the second court-martial of Paris M. Louis Leroux, charged with spreading alarming reports.

"The censor," cried M. Bonzon, "is an indomitable person with nineteen tentacles, without apparently a single head."

"The law of 1814," M. Bonzon recalled, "punished only the publication of false reports spread in bad faith. While the law of 1914 prohibits

even the divulging of military or diplomatic truths if they are of a nature to exercise a harmful influence on the state of mind of the army or the population. Only the government may tell the truth, even political, which means that we have accorded to the present ministry what the Viscount Chateaubriand would not have conceded to the King; what Lacordaire would have denied to the Pope, and what Victor Hugo would not have permitted to the rising republic."

The court-martial appears to uphold the censor, for in spite of Mr. Leroux's secrets they fined him 50 francs.

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## Old Men Live Over Scenes of Battle

Veterans From Soldiers' Home  
Sit in Tense Silence Through  
Realistic War Film.

Long before the regular theatergoing crowd reached the Academy of Music yesterday morning to witness the 10 o'clock performance of "The Birth of a Nation" the detachment of veterans from the Soldiers' Home who had been invited to be the guests of the production and of the house filed in and took their seats. Although all the tickets that had been considered necessary had been provided, the veterans continued to stream into the lobby by twos and threes until fully twenty-five more than had been expected were waiting for admission.

The house had been sold out for hours, not to say days, but Manager Wise obtained permission from the authorities and placed extra seats, boxes, even trunks, wherever it was possible, and finally all the old men were seated. Many newspaper men and practically every showman in Richmond stood behind the velvet rail, not for the purpose of seeing the picture again, but in order to hear the wild excitement of the aged warriors sound in the rebel yell. Instead, they saw a spectacle far more impressive than would have been the looked-for outburst of cheers.

They saw some eighty old men, wearing the faded gray of the Confederacy, sitting forward in their seats, gripping their starchy hats between their gnarled fingers and watching a reproduction of life as they had known it in the years of strife and later, hopelessness—in silence.

Occasionally, some one, carried away by the brave sight of the white-clad Klan, would sound his high-pitched and quavering yell, but throughout the first of the picture, when the battle scenes were unrolled on the screen, accompanied by the volleys of musketry and the crashing of artillery and the stirring strains of martial music that the orchestra provided, they sat in tense silence—utter silence. Some of the onlookers, thinking that they needed only a start, began a cheer now and then, but the old men never moved, nor gave evidence that they heard anything. They were looking, always looking, and in silence.

When it was all over one of them was asked, "Didn't you enjoy it, sir?" "Yes, I enjoyed it," he said, "but I didn't see anything to yell about." And that tells the story: the picture was too real—it came too close to their hearts and memories—to make them wish to yell. They looked upon it as a reliving of what they had lived, and they watched it in silence. As another one said at the conclusion of the first part, before the reconstruction period was portrayed, as he walked out into the lobby, "It's all over for us now, isn't it?"

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## BAPTIST TRAINING SCHOOL ENDS ITS ANNUAL SESSION

Commencement Exercises of Sunday  
School Worked to a Fine  
Place  
This Afternoon.

The Baptist Sunday School Association, under whose auspices the training school for Sunday school workers was carried on last week, will conduct the commencement exercises this afternoon at 3 o'clock in the auditorium of the Second Baptist Church. The exercises will consist of special music, a brief sermon by Rev. W. Thorburn Clark, president of the B. Y. P. U. of Virginia, and the delivery of normal certificates and seals to those who have pursued the various courses to their completion. The classes of the training school finished their work on Friday night, and yesterday was spent in conducting examinations in the various departments.

In addition to the textbook work, important conferences were held daily for organized class workers and home-department workers, and these will be recalled in this afternoon. Arrangements have been made to receive seats for all who have had part in the training school. Visitors will be given seats in the rear of the house, and will be welcomed.

This is the eighth annual training school held under the auspices of the association, in co-operation with the Sunday school department of the State Mission Board and the Sunday School Board at Nashville, Tenn. The school is on a permanent basis, and no fees are charged.

Dr. McElhoolin's closing lecture on the history and tenets of the denominations was delivered on Friday night to a large audience. He discussed the "Methodists" and paid a glowing tribute to the evangelistic zeal of the Wesleyans and the Methodists.

Secretary J. T. Watts announced that Dr. McElhoolin had been retained for a similar course of lectures at Virginia Beach next July, under the auspices of the Virginia Baptist Summer Encampment. At that time he will make three additional lectures covering the Greek Catholics, Lutherans and Episcopalians. This has been the most popular course of lectures ever delivered in this city in connection with the training school.

### EXTENSION OF STREET RAILWAY SYSTEM TO HUBBLETON ASKED

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] LYNCHBURG, Va., October 30.—A

movement has been started by residents of Bedford and Campbell Counties to induce the American Street Railways Company, operator of the Lynchburg Traction and Light Company, to extend its lines from this city to Hubbleton, a station on the Virginia Railway, about twenty-five miles from Lynchburg. It is proposed to build the road by Bedford Springs, where 293 students attend the New London Academy.

J. W. Hancock, general manager of the local traction company, has consented to meet the members of the boards of supervisors of Bedford and Campbell Counties in the rooms of the Lynchburg Chamber of Commerce on Monday at noon. This conference will result in the proposition going before the company.

The proposed line would tap the Virginia Railway and penetrate one of the richest farming sections contiguous to Lynchburg.

### Lime-Loss in Tuberculosis

In the Journal of the American Medical Association (January 17, 1914) was the following:

"It has been many times stated that in tuberculosis, in the pre-tuberculous stage an increased amount of calcium (lime) is lost both in the urine and feces. In fact, a deacidification has been thought to be a forerunner of the development of tuberculosis. If tuberculosis is due to lime loss, its treatment may be due, in part, to the content of a lime salt so combined with other valuable ingredients as to be easily assimilated."

Always, we have urged consumptives to attend strictly to matters of food, but often some effective remedial agent is needed. In many cases of apparent recovery Eckman's Alternative seems to have supplied this need. It contains no opiates, narcotics or habit-forming drugs, so is safe to try. Sold by Tragle Drug Co. and leading druggists.

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